

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
			(check box when complete)	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)			
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)		✓	✓
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report				
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0		✓	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)		✓	
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)				
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)			
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)			✓	✓
<410> Fixed	0.5236			
<420> Mobile				
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)				
<440> Fixed				
<450> Mobile				
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)		✓	✓
<510> 190244va510	(attached descriptive document)		✓	✓
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)		✓	✓
<610> 190244va610	(attached descriptive document)		✓	✓
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)			
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)			
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)		✓	✓
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)		✓	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)			
<1010> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)			
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)		✓	
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)			
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)			✓

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	✓	
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	✓	

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	✓	
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	✓	

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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 Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality  
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage  
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity  
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**(800) Operating Companies  
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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes,No, NA)

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul  
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers  
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps  
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	190244va1210
		Name of attached document (.pdf)
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP <a href="http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644">www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644</a>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- |        |   |                                     |
|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.**

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)}
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}

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**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.
- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information



**Certification - Reporting Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	PEOPLES MUTUAL TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE
Date	10/07/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Mike Skrivan
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	VP Regulatory
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	207-535-4150
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	190244
Filing Due Date for this form:	10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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## Attachments

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	(f/k/a FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp., f/k/a FairPoint Communications Corp.)		
	BE Mobile Communications, Incorporated		Bentleyville Long Distance
	Bentleyville Communications Corporation	170145	dba FairPoint Communications
	Berkshire Cable Corp.		
	Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
	Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
	Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications
	Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications
	Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications
	C & E Communications, Ltd.		
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		
	Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Communications
	China Telephone Company	100004	dba FairPoint Communications
	Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbine Telecom Company (f/k/a Columbine Acquisition Corp.)	462204	dba FairPoint Communications
	Columbus Grove Telephone Company	300604	dba FairPoint Communications
	COM Networks, Inc.		
	Comerco, Inc.		
	Community Service Telephone Co.	100015	dba FairPoint Communications
	C-R Communications, Inc.		
	C-R Long Distance, Inc.		
	C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications
	El Paso Long Distance Company		

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications
	Elltel Long Distance Corp.		
	Enhanced Communications of Northern New England Inc.		
	ExOp of Missouri, Inc.		
	FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		
	FairPoint Business Services LLC		
	FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.		
	FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications
	FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)		
	FairPoint Vermont, Inc.		
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications
	Germantown Long Distance Company		
	GTC Communications, Inc. (f/k/a TPG Communications, Inc.)		
	GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications
	GTC, Inc.	210329	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications
	Maine Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications
	Marianna Tel, Inc.		
	MJD Services Corp.		
	MJD Ventures, Inc.		
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - Maine	105111	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - New Hampshire	125113	dba FairPoint Communications
	Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	dba FairPoint Communications

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	Orwell Communications, Inc.		
	Orwell Telephone Company	300649	dba FairPoint Communications
	Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company		
	Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	190244	dba FairPoint Communications
	Quality One Technologies, Inc.		
	Ravenswood Communications, Inc.		
	Sidney Telephone Company	103313	dba FairPoint Communications
	ST Enterprises, Ltd.		
	ST Long Distance, Inc.		
	St. Joe Communications, Inc.	210339	dba FairPoint Communications
	Standish Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications
	Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc.	461835	dba FairPoint Communications
	Taconic Technology Corp.		
	Taconic TelCom Corp.		
	Taconic Telephone Corp.	150084	dba FairPoint Communications
	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC	145115	dba FairPoint Communications
	The El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications
	UI Long Distance, Inc.		Northland Long Distance
	Unite Communications Systems, Inc.		
	Utilities, Inc.		
	YCOM Networks Inc.	522453	dba FairPoint Communications

**People's Mutual Telephone Company  
Virginia  
190244**

**Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:**

People's Mutual Telephone Company, hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Virginia Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."<sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."<sup>3</sup>

People's Mutual Telephone Company is not currently subject to service quality reporting. The Virginia Administrative Code 20VAC5-428-90: "Network and customer care service quality and reporting" states that "A LEC subject to a docketed commission investigation of its service quality relating to this section shall file reports as directed by the commission. The reports shall be subject to commission audit."

A LEC subject to a docketed commission investigation shall comply with the following standards: (a) Restore Out of Service Troubles within 24 hours; (b) Restore Out of Service Troubles within 48 hours; (c) Restore Out of Service Troubles within 72 hours; (d) Repair Office Answer Time; (e) Business Office Answer Time; (f) Installation of Service within 5 days; (g) Installation Commitments Met; (h) Repair Commitments Met; (i) Trouble Reports (Outside Plant); (j) Trouble Reports (Central Office); and (k) Repeat Trouble Reports. FairPoint Communications has consistently met or exceeded the established standards defined in 20VAC5-428-90.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at [consumer@fairpoint.com](mailto:consumer@fairpoint.com). The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.



FairPoint Communications

1 Davis Farm Road  
Portland, ME 04103

Barney Boynton  
Director, Operational Risk

## Business Continuity Plan Overview

### Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope & Structure
- Recovery Strategies and Logistics
- Plan Maintenance and Exercising

### BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back/front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff, service utilities, telecom network, IT network, etc.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- IT/IS
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- NOC (Network Operations Center)
- E-9-1-1
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents (i.e., work-stoppage and pandemic). All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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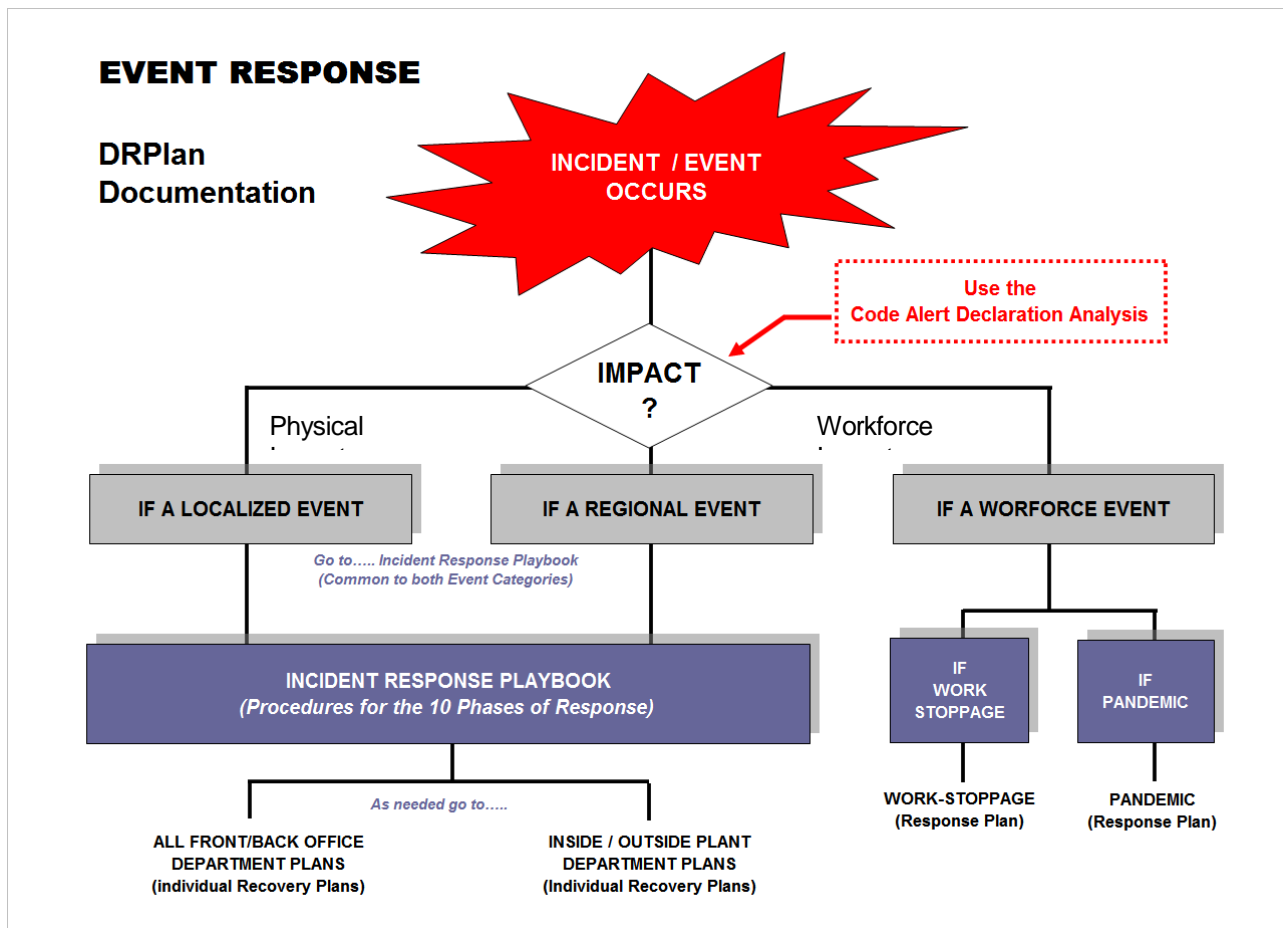
## **BCP Structure**

The BCP consists of several components:

- The BCP Manual (an overview of all BCP documents)
- IR Playbooks (addresses the response procedures for Physical and Workforce related events),
- Appendices (the IR Playbook procedures links to these Resources Files)
- Department Recovery Plans (Business and Plant Operations)
- Business Impact Assessments (Business and Plant Operations)

The Event Response diagram below identifies the overall BCP documentation and how a disruption or incident will dictate which path of the BCP will be followed to restore business operations.

Once the incident or disruption occurs, the impact first needs to be quickly assessed to determine whether it is a physically disruptive event (local or regional) ("Physically Disruptive Event") or a workforce disruptive event (work-stoppage or pandemic) ("Work-Force Related Disruptive Event"). The disruption is always focused on critical business operations and services that can impact customer interfacing / deliverables.



## Recovery Strategies and Logistics

Our BCP is based on the premise that FairPoint cannot stop disasters from occurring, but we can address the IMPACT of incidents should they occur. Where possible we will provide risk mitigation measures that will minimize the likelihood of having a serious disruptive incident but in no case can we eliminate all disruptive possibilities. The BCP is triggered by a Disruption Scenario, not a Threat Scenario. FairPoint pre-plans for potential break-points that can result in a customer interfacing disruption and incorporates recovery strategies that will inherently address any potential threat and any resulting business disruption impact. The actual threat (i.e. fire, flood, etc.) is pertinent only with respect to immediate response activities. All subsequent response efforts are focused on the assessment of damages (physical losses and recovery duration) and the implementation of restoration and recovery strategies. The restoration of the business servicing operations and infrastructure systems is based on salvage, replacement of systems and alternate functionality measures, which are pre-defined in the BCP.

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements have a high level of consideration in



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addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations.

The Ten Response Phases of Physical Event are:

- Incident Notification
- Visual Damage Assessment
- Incident Stabilization
- Command Center Initiation
- Initial Notifications to Business Departments – to activate plans
- Primary Site Damage Assessments
- Ready Alternate Restoration Sites
- Primary Site Salvage & Recovery
- Business Restoration Process
- Primary Site Re-established

### **Plan Maintenance and Exercising**

The BCP is a living document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are scenario tested with oversight from FairPoint's Corporate Risk Management Team.

Peoples Mutual Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline offering in Peoples Mutual Telephone Company are attached.. The terms and conditions of residential local service can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

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### VIRGINIA UNIVERSAL SERVICE PLAN

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The Virginia Universal Service Plan (VUSP) is a program which was developed to help low income customers have local service. The Company participates in the Lifeline assistance program to increase the availability of telecommunications services to all consumers in its serving areas. The structure of the program is outlined in the following paragraphs below.

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#### 1. General

##### Eligibility Requirements

Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers who meet the following eligibility requirements:

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- A. Customers must not be a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless they are more than 60 years of age.
- B. Customers must be certified by the appropriate state agency. Such certification must be provided to the Company. Certification will be based on criteria established by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
- C. Lifeline Assistance will continue to be provided to a customer only as long as a customer meets the qualification criteria outlined above. The continuation of qualification for Lifeline Assistance must be re-certified by the appropriate state agency every 12 months for customers, following the establishment of the Lifeline Assistance. Without such recertification, the customer's assistance will be discontinued.
- D. When the Company receives notice from the appropriate state agency, or the customer, that the customer is no longer meeting the qualification criteria outlined above, the Company will then notify the customer that the assistance will be discontinued or changed to another class of residential service.

#### 2. Lifeline Assistance

##### A. General

Lifeline Assistance provides a credit against an eligible customer's monthly rates for local service. An eligible customer receives credit against the Federal Subscriber Line Charge as well as a credit towards the residential access line rate.

##### B. Regulations

- 1. The customer must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Paragraph 1. above.
- 2. As a participant in Lifeline Assistance, customers are eligible to receive Toll Restriction at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.
- 3. Customers eligible for Lifeline Assistance are not required to pay a deposit if the customer does not owe the Company for previous service and the customer voluntarily receives Toll Restriction Service. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.

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4. Participants in Lifeline Assistance shall not be, disconnected from Local Service, for non-payment of toll charges, but may be required to use toll restriction. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance, and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges, provided they apply for toll restriction.
5. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service and then to any outstanding toll charges.
6. If a customer on Lifeline Assistance is no longer qualified for assistance, no service charges apply for changing to a Residence Local Exchange Access Line normally provided to the customer's premise.

C. Credits

See Section 4 below for credits which apply.

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### 4. Credits

#### A. Lifeline Assistance

The credit allowed for Lifeline Assistance will be the minimum credit required for small rural telephone companies in Virginia.

The following credits will apply initially for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance:

1.	Federal Subscriber Line Charge Credit	\$6.50	(R)(C)
2.	Credit to Residential Access Line	\$4.50	(R)(C)
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#### B. Reserved for Future Use

#### C. Adjustments

Adjustments to these credits will be made as required by the proper regulatory bodies and the recovery mechanisms.